

SUMMARY

THE VIRGINIA PLANTS AND PLANT PRODUCTS INSPECTION LAW AND QUARANTINE REQUIREMENTS Affecting the Interstate and Intrastate Movement of Nursery Stock, Other Plants, and Plant Products

In order that nursery stock may move into or within Virginia, it must be accompanied by a valid certificate of inspection issued by the proper authority of the state of origin. This certificate must be attached to each load, box, bale, or package in a conspicuous place.

Virginia nurseries and dealers must be licensed. Only bona fide nurseries and dealers (see definitions below) will be issued licenses. Licenses expire December 31 annually. Nursery licenses are not issued without an annual inspection. The license fee is \$75.00 for Nurserymen and \$25.00 for Dealers. Checks should be made payable to the TREASURER OF VIRGINIA and mailed to this address: Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, P. O. Box 526, Richmond, Virginia 23204-0526. Firms currently licensed are mailed renewal applications in late October.

In addition to the registration fee, each nursery is assessed an annual inspection fee of \$1.50 per acre for each acre inspected above 50 acres. The bill for this annual inspection fee (if applicable) is included with the renewal application mailed in October.

All quarantines, Federal and State, must be complied with, including Gypsy Moth and Japanese Beetle.

Definitions---

“DEALER” means any person, firm or corporation, not a grower of nursery stock, who buys, collects wild plants, or otherwise acquires nursery stock for the purpose of reselling or distributing same. Each separate location shall constitute a dealership.

“NURSERY” means any grounds or premises on or in which nursery stock is being propagated or grown for sale or distribution, including any grounds or premises on or in which nursery stock is being fumigated, treated, packed or stored, or otherwise prepared or offered for sale or movement to other localities.

“NURSERY STOCK” means all trees, shrubs, and woody vines, including ornamentals, bush fruits, grapevines, fruit trees and nut trees, whether cultivated, native or wild, and all buds, grafts, scions and cuttings from such plants. It also shall mean such herbaceous plants, including strawberry plants, narcissus plants, and narcissus bulbs as the Board declares by regulation to be so included

whenever it considers control of the movement of such plants or bulbs necessary to the control of any destructive plant pest. Florists' or greenhouse plants for inside culture or use, unless so declared by the Board as herein authorized, shall not be considered nursery stock, except that all woody plants, whether greenhouse or field grown, if for outside planting, are hereby defined as nursery stock.

"NURSEYMAN" means any person engaged in the production of nursery stock for sale or distribution.

"PLANT PEST" means any living state of: any insects, mites, nematodes, slugs, snails, protozoa, or other invertebrate animals, bacteria, fungi, other parasitic plants or reproductive parts thereof, viruses, or any organisms similar to or allied with any of the foregoing, or any infectious substances, which can directly or indirectly injure or cause disease or damage in any plants or parts thereof, or any processed, manufactured or other products of plants.

"PLANTS AND PLANT PRODUCTS" means trees, shrubs, vines, forage, fiber and cereal, and all other plants; cuttings, grafts, scions, buds, and all other parts of plants; and fruit, vegetables, roots, bulbs, seeds, wood, lumber, and all other parts of plants and plant products.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION write the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Office of Plant and Pest Services, P. O. Box 1163, Richmond, Virginia 23218, or call (804) 786-3515.